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Dear Class of 2022,

Hello and welcome. You are at the beginning of an exciting, intimidating, and fast-paced journey, one that you will emerge from wholly different and yet enriched at the same time. This moment is a great one — savor it.

Here at **The Spectator**, *we strive to bring together an array of viewpoints and to create a cohesive publication that accurately reflects the thoughts and experiences of the Hamilton community. You are the latest in a long, rich tradition, and we hope you choose to use your voices to create a more positive, welcoming, and fun campus for all.*

What this year holds for us is beyond prediction. As you will read on pages 6 and 7, last year was marked by quite the assortment of happenings and events on the Hill, and this year promises to be no different. We move forward into this unknown both as a collective and as individuals, striving to better ourselves and our community. Embrace the adversity that will no doubt come with a journey of this magnitude.

Time to press play!

All the best,
The Spectator

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The Hours You Can Never Remember

Cut these out; no matter how long you've been here you always forget them when you need them

Commons

Breakfast, Mon–Sun	7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Lunch, Mon–Fri	11 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Snack, Mon–Fri	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Dinner, Mon–Sun	5 p.m. – 12 a.m.
Brunch, Sat–Sun	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Breakfast	7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Lunch	11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Dinner	4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.*

*No dinner served on Friday

Diner

Mon–Fri	9 a.m. – Midnight
Sat-Sun	3 p.m. – Midnight
Diner B (Th–Sat)	Midnight – 4 a.m.

The Little Pub (lunch)

Mon–Fri	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Mon–Wed	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Thurs	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ; 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Fri	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sun	7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Euphoria Smoothies

Mon–Fri	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat	12 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun	12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Library

Mon–Th	8 a.m. – 2 a.m.
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Music Library

Mon – Th	9:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Satur	12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sun	12:00 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Writing Center

Mon–Th	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Fri	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sun	1 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Computer Lab Hours:	
Mon–Th	8:30 a.m. – 12 a.m.
Fri	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun	11 a.m. – midnight

QSR Center

Mon–Th	12 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri	12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Bookstore

Mon, Wed, Th	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tues	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Fri	9 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Sat-Sun	Closed

Registrar / Dean of Students Office / Residential Life

Mon–Fri	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Career Center

Mon–Fri	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mail Center (all hours are Mon–Fri)

Stamps	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Packages	10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Health Center

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Counseling Center

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Mon–Fri	6 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Sat–Sun	9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Alumni Gym

Mon–Fri	8 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sat–Sun	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Climbing Wall

Mon–Th	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Squash Courts

Mon–Fri	8 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sat–Sun	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Ice Rink (open skate Oct–Feb)

Sun–Fri	12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

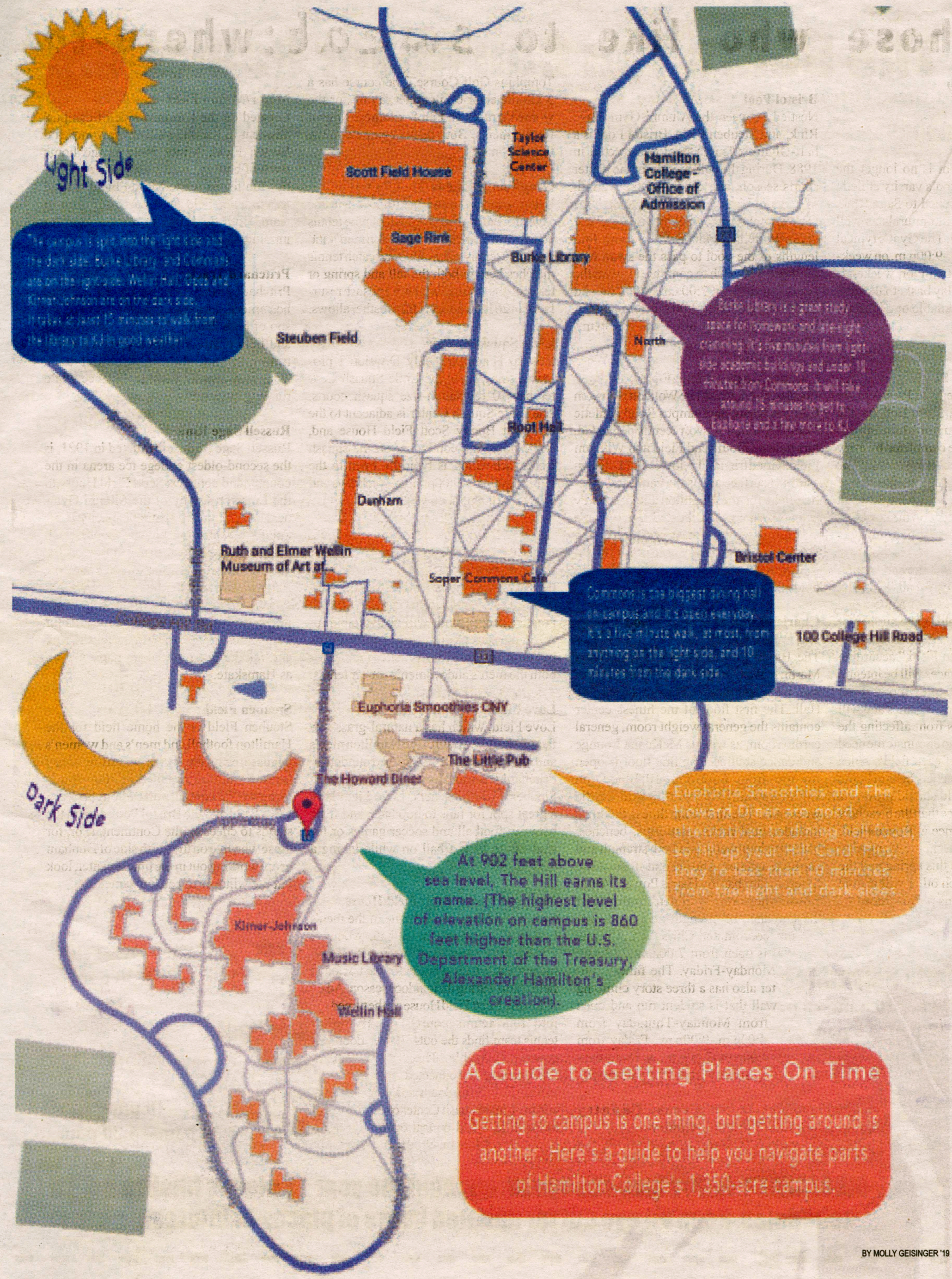
Bristol Pool

Mon–Fri	7 a.m. – 9 a.m.; 12 p.m. – 6 pm; 8 p.m. – 10 pm
Sat–Sun	2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DISCLAIMER: Hours may change throughout the year as places finalize schedules. Keep an eye out for updated hours of places of interest.

A Guide to Getting Places On Time

Getting to campus is one thing, but getting around is another. Here's a guide to help you navigate parts of Hamilton College's 1,350-acre campus.


Light Side
The campus is split into the light side and the dark side. Burke Library and Commons are on the right side. Wellin Hall, Opus and Kirner-Johnson are on the dark side. It takes at least 15 minutes to walk from the library to KJ in good weather.
Scott Field House
Taylor Science Center
Hamilton College - Office of Admission
Sage Rink
Burke Library
Burke Library is a great study space for homework and late-night cramming. It's five minutes from Light side academic buildings and under 10 minutes from Commons. It will take around 15 minutes to get to Eastside and a few more to OJ.
Steuben Field
North
Root Hall
Dunham
Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art at...
Super Commons Cafe
Commons is the biggest dining hall on campus and it's open every day. It's a five minute walk, at most, from anything on the light side, and 10 minutes from the dark side.
Bristol Center
100 College Hill Road
Euphoria Smoothies CNY
The Little Pub
The Howard Diner
Euphoria Smoothies and The Howard Diner are good alternatives to dining hall food, so fill up your Hill Card. Plus, they're less than 10 minutes from the light and dark sides.
Dark Side
At 902 feet above sea level, The Hill earns its name. (The highest level of elevation on campus is 860 feet higher than the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton's creation).
Kirner-Johnson
Music Library
Wellin Hall

BY MOLLY GEISINGER '19

For those who like to sweat: where-to

by Levi Lorenzo '19
Sports Editor

Alumni Gymnasium
While the Alumni Gym is no longer the home of any of Hamilton's varsity athletic teams, the facility, attached to Sage Rink, is used frequently for intramurals as well as club sports practices. The Gym's typical open hours are 8:00a.m.-9:00p.m. on weekdays and 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m. on weekends and is a great place to play basketball when the field house is unavailable or not set up for basketball.

Baseball and Softball Fields
According to Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning Steve Bellona, the new home fields for Hamilton's baseball and softball fields should be completed by early September if all goes according to plan. The softball field is situated at the intersection of Loop and Campus Roads with the baseball field lying directly adjacent on the northeast side. The highlights of the new fields include, as explained by Bellona, "new batting cages, bullpens, dugouts for home and visiting teams, a press box for each ball field, new scoreboards, filming platforms and a sound installation for each field." The surface of each field is an, "artificial, rubber inlay FieldTurf like that of Steuben Field," according to Bellona. The turf surfaces will be integral in enabling the teams to play more, if not all, of their scheduled home games and will prevent field conditions from affecting the game. The new fields also eliminate the need for the re-installation of each field's fence each spring and the bleachers behind home plate at the baseball field should provide a better viewing experience than the bleachers beyond the left field fence at Royce Field, the baseball team's former home. Gameplay will begin on the fields this spring and the fields' proximity to each other will enable fans to watch both teams play at once.

Bristol Pool
Nestled between the Alumni Gym, Sage Rink, and Steuben Field, Bristol Pool is a half-Olympic length pool constructed in 1988. During the cold months of the winter sports season, one can enjoy the warmth of the pool area while witnessing both the Continental Men and Women swim and dive. While all students must swim four lengths of the pool to pass the swim test, for those who wish to continue to swim the pool is open from 7:00a.m.-9:00a.m. and 12:00a.m.-6:00p.m. (3:00p.m. during swim season) during the week and 2:30p.m.-4:30p.m. on the weekends.

Campus Road Athletic Fields
Located just north of The Wollcott House on Campus Road, the Campus Road Athletic Complex contains two, recently dedicated, turf fields: Goodfriend Field and Withiam Field. Goodfriend, the lower field, has an astroturf surface and is the game and practice field for the Hamilton Field Hockey team. Withiam Field hosted a few men's lacrosse games this past spring and is a versatile and commonly used practice field for several Hamilton sports teams. Both fields have lights.

Charlean and Wayland Blood Fitness and Dance Center
The Blood Fitness Center is located on Martin's Way, south of the Alumni Gym and its front faces Carnegie Residence Hall. The first floor of the fitness center contains the general weight room, general cardio room, as well as McKenna Lounge and dance studios. The first floor is open for use from 6:00 a.m.-10:30p.m. on weekdays and 9:00a.m.-10:30p.m. on the weekends. The first floor fitness facilities include squat racks, platforms, benches, barbells, dumbbells, and both strength and cardio machines. The second floor of the fitness center has the Harris Power Weight Room where varsity athletes train under the guidance of strength and conditioning coordinator Chris Van Alstyne. It is open from 7:00a.m.-7:00p.m. Monday-Friday. The fitness center also has a three story climbing wall that is student-run and open from Monday-Thursday from 4:00p.m.-9:00p.m., Friday from 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m., and Saturday-Sunday from 2:00p.m.-5p.m.

Cross Country Course
Newly renovated to accommodate the construction of the baseball and softball fields, the Hamilton College Cross Country Course traverses Tompkins Golf Course. The course has a 5 kilometer or 6 kilometer layout for the women's races and an 8 kilometer layout for the men's. Both teams compete in the fall season.

Gray Tennis Courts
Lying adjacent to the field house and the Squash Center, this collection of nine tennis courts is the home of the Hamilton men's and women's tennis teams. One can catch tennis matches here in both the fall and spring or test out the courts, which were last resurfaced in 2014, whenever the weather allows.

Little Squash Center
Host to Hamilton's only Division I programs since 2006, the Little Squash Center has 10 regulation-size squash courts. The Little Squash Center is adjacent to the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House and, while hours are contingent on the squash teams' schedules, is typically open to the public 8:00p.m.-9:00p.m. on weekdays and 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m. on weekends.

Practice Soccer Field
Constructed this past summer on the location of the previous softball field, northeast of Love Field along Griffin Road, the practice soccer fields will be available for use at the start of this school year and will be commonly used as a practice facility for both the men's and women's soccer teams.

Love Field
Love Field, which has a natural-grass surface, is the home field of the Hamilton men's and women's soccer teams. Surrounded by Pritchard Track and located right behind the Steuben Field bleachers, Love Field is in a great spot for fans to hop back and forth between football and soccer games or for students to kick a ball on while taking a study break.

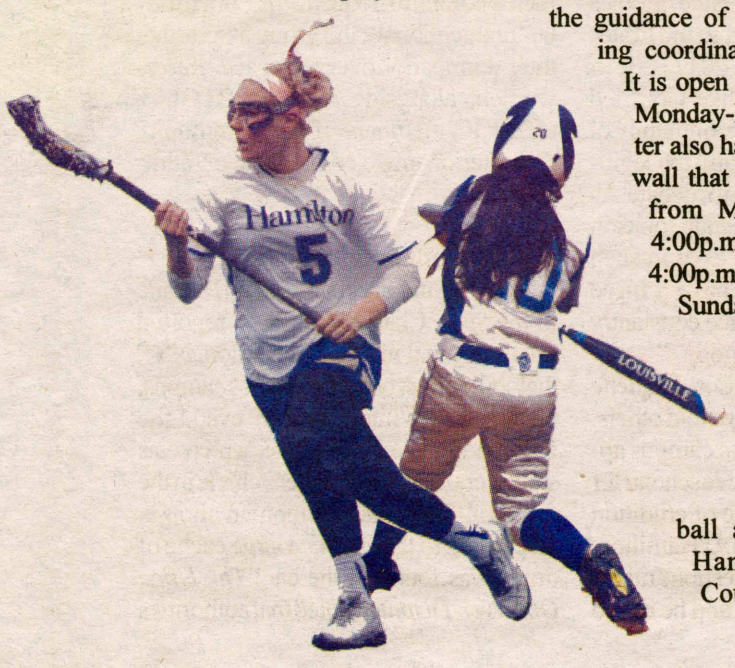
Margaret Bundy Scott Field House
Scott Field House is the home of the men's basketball, women's basketball, women's volleyball teams and contains Carl B. Wenigmann track which is home for the track and field teams during their indoor season. Additionally, Scott Field House can be turned into four tennis courts if the tennis team finds the outdoor courts unplayable. The Field House is connected to Sage Rink on its South side and the Little Squash Center on its north side and typical open hours are 8:00a.m.-9:00p.m. during the week and 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m. on weekends but make sure to check the weekly schedule and ensure the field house is set up for the correct use.

Minor/Mason Field
Located on the Kirkland side of campus, adjacent to Kirkland Glen, are Minor and Mason Field. Minor Field is the home pitch of both the men's and women's rugby club teams while Mason Field is used as a practice field for the women's soccer team. Both fields are frequently used for intramurals as well.

Pritchard Track
Pritchard Track encircles Love Field and hosts meets during the outdoor (spring) season of both the men's and women's track and field teams. For the non-competitive runner, running the the 400-meter track is an easy way to measure distance while running outdoors.

Russell Sage Rink
Russell Sage Rink, constructed in 1921, is the second-oldest college ice arena in the country and connects Scott Field House to the Emerson Lobby of the Alumni Gymnasium. While the seating capacity is officially 600, for big hockey games, such as the men's season opener known as the Citrus Bowl, many more students pack the rink full and line the hallways creating a raucous and exciting environment. Those interested in free -skate should look out for e-mails regarding open hours for the rink and for the late night skate party known as Hamskate.

Steuben Field
Steuben Field is the home field for the Hamilton football and men's and women's lacrosse teams. Steuben has an artificial turf surface that was installed in 2009 and is located quite centrally on campus between Love Field and the Bristol Pool. Join in the stands to cheer on the Continentals or, for those who live on the north side of Dunham or are working out in the fitness center, look out the window to catch a game!



PHOTOS FROM *THE SPECTATOR*

Advice for the Hill and beyond

by Josie Blatt '21
A&E Editor

To the Class of 2022, welcome to the Hill! Hopefully you're excited about beginning your first semester at Hamilton. While there is certainly a lot to look forward to, the start of college isn't always perfect. Too often, the first semester of college is glorified on social media as a seamless transition and the best time of your life. While this may be true for a lucky few, the reality is that you will likely feel overwhelmed, homesick, stressed, or confused at times.

For many first-year students, the social aspect of college is the most daunting. Whether you grew up in a small town and had classes with the same people since you were in kindergarten, or went to a huge high school and were always interacting with new people, living on the Hill is a new social experience for everyone. My advice to any first-year worried about making friends, is to never close yourself off to meeting new people, throughout your entire first semester, and even your entire four years at Hamilton.

If you had the best time on your orientation trip, that's fantastic! It can be tempting to eat every meal with these people and spend all of your time with them. While that may feel comfortable, I encourage you to reach out to more people. It's certainly a good idea to maintain those relationships, but for your peers who may have struggled to connect with their tripmates, something as simple as a lunch invite will mean the world to them. You never know how someone is feeling, and even just asking your hallmate, "Hey, what classes are you taking?" can start a meaningful conversation that could lead to a great friendship.

For those of you who feel yourselves struggling to establishing close connections with your classmates, I challenge you to start up conversations in your classes, attend concerts and activities, and don't be afraid to do things by yourself!

Also, try your best not to compare yourself to others. You may see a huge group of friends in your class, and be stressed that you don't know that many people, or you may see your high school friends at dozens of parties on Snapchat, and be jealous of their experience. Just remember that you don't know what's going on in someone's head. Your friend on Snapchat could have been miserable at those parties, and left after five minutes. Allow yourself and others time to find your people. There's no set time that everything will click, and comparing yourself to others will only increase your stress.

In addition to navigating new relationships, your first semester at Hamilton may be the first extended period of time you've been away from your friends and family at home. I've found that staying busy is one of the best ways to overcome homesickness. The more you are studying and getting involved with student activities, the less you will think about what you're missing back home. Additionally, finding communities like music groups, sports teams, cultural groups, etc., will help make Hamilton feel more like a home.

Moreover, remember to take time to yourself. While isolating yourself too much can increase homesickness, being around new people all day can be draining, and it's important to do some quality self care every now and then.

Lastly, whether you're homesick, stressed about academics, nervous about making friends, all of those things, or none of those things, don't be afraid to ask for help! Your orientation leaders and RAs are great places to start, but I encourage you to look into all of Hamilton's resources; Peer counselors, academic centers, faculty advisors, upperclassmen friends, and more, are all here to help you!

And if reading all this is making you feel like your first semester is going to be horrible, remember that these are just tips for the days when you're feeling down. I could go on and on about the exciting and incredible moments to come, but I thought I'd let you discover the magic of the Hamily for yourself!

So, what exactly did you miss?

by Will Kaback '20
Editor-in-cheif

Terry Martinez Hiring

The school year began with the announcement that Theresa "Terry" Martinez had been named Vice President of the College and Dean of Students. After serving in an administrative role at schools like Johns Hopkins, Columbia, and Ithaca College, Dean Martinez came to the Hill with a promise to focus on student life and wellness.

In an interview with Maddy Maher '18 for the August 31, 2017 issue of the *Spec*, she said, "As I take a look at where I want to focus my energy on campus, I always take a look at three different things: to make sure that we create a healthy and safe campus, to make sure that our campus is not just diverse, but also inclusive of that diversity and to think about how life outside of the classroom matters to students. I want to really create meaningful opportunities for engagement. It's always those three things."

Strong Island

In September, Yance Ford '94 came to campus for a viewing and discussion of his film *Strong Island*, a documentary that tells the story of the murder of Ford's older brother, the failures of the American judicial system in the aftermath, and the effect of the event on his family.

In the September 28, 2017 issue of the *Spec*, Michelle Chung '20 wrote, "Despite Strong Island's focus on the investigation of his brother's death, Yance Ford reminded viewers prior to the screening of the documentary that the film does not mimic the expectations found in typical crime films. Rather than an attempt to uncover evidence or follow new leads for the case, the film places a strong emphasis on delving into the emotional struggles that William Ford, Jr.'s family and friends had to face after his death. Throughout the ten years that Ford worked on the film, he accumulated over hundreds of hours of conversation with his mother that were not used in the film, as well as moments with other family members and friends."

Strong Island would go on to win an array of awards later in the year and was nominated for a 2018 Academy Award in the Best Documentary category.

Common Ground (Fall)

On Wednesday, October 18, 2017, Hamilton hosted the first installment of its "Common Ground" series, an event that seeks to model constructive and respectful political discourse through two well-known public figures on opposite sides of the political spectrum and a moderator.

In covering the event, Charles Dunst '18 and Maddy Maher '18 wrote, "[The] inaugural event featured a discussion between former Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush, Karl Rove, and former Chief Strategist and Senior Advisor to President Obama, David Axelrod. This discussion was moderated by USA Today Washington Bureau Chief Susan Page. [...] According to President Wippman, who has made free speech and civil discourse a top priority on the hill since coming to Hamilton, "the goal is for the speakers to model the kind of respectful dialogue across political boundaries that should occur not just on college campuses, but in the broader society as well."

Paul Gottfried

On October 25, Paul Gottfried, a historian, visited campus and spoke to two classes. His visit sparked outrage and debate stemming from his alleged ties to the "alt-right" (he has been called "The Father of the Alt-Right"). Although his lectures at Hamilton largely stayed away from inflammatory political topics, his presence was peacefully protested with a silent protest by a group of students outside of the classrooms he occupied while on campus.

In response to the visit, Peter F. Cannavò, Associate Professor of Government, Director of Environmental Studies Program, wrote this in a Letter to the Editor published in the November 9, 2017 issue of the *Spec*: "Inviting a figure like Gottfried into the classroom puts the very humanity of members of our community and the legitimacy of their presence here up for debate. As Government professor Gbemende Johnson put it, 'Whatever value may exist in such discussions, it is difficult to have a piece of your humanity and existence constantly sacrificed at the altar of pedagogy.'"

In response, Professor Paquette wrote, "I will repeat what I have told others. No one on Hamilton College's campus approaches Paul Gottfried, an active scholar for more than fifty years, in range of erudition and mastery of languages. [...] At Hamilton, Gottfried addressed all the questions raised by Cannavò and many more, and he did so in a way that many students and others present found intellectually stimulating."

PUB POWER

For the February 15, 2018 issue of the *Spec*, I covered the PUB POWER group, which at the time was recently formed and mostly secretive. In talking with members of the group, I learned that, "According to the group's description, PUB POWER aims to 'have as many women possible attend pub lunch in order to dismantle [the] hegemony and reclaim the space as open to all.'"

Additionally, some PUB POWER members I spoke to told me that "although the group acknowledges that any detrimental actions or tendencies of the white, upper class, and able-bodied men who tend to frequent Pub Lunch may be 'unintentional', the group asserts that their dominance over the space 'makes women, alongside other LGBTQIA+ and POC members of our community feel inferior, unwelcomed, and outnumbered.'"

Mobile Meth Lab

In the February 22, 2018 issue of the *Spec*, Charles Dunst '18 reported on a "criminal incident in Clinton, NY," that spilled over onto Hamilton's campus. He wrote, "While trying to evade the Kirkland Police, the vehicle, which was stolen, crashed into another vehicle in the driveway of President Wippman's house. According to the email, 'a large cache of drugs was found in the car.' *The Utica Observer-Dispatch* noted that authorities

The 2018 midterm elections and Hamilton

by Jackson Harris '22 and Eric Kopp '22
Contributing Writers

Two tight political races are currently heating up in Central New York and Hamilton College is squarely in the middle of both. The College is located in New York's 22nd Congressional District, which sends one representative to the U.S. House of Representatives. The seat for NY-22 is essentially a toss-up between first-term Republican incumbent Claudia Tenney and her challenger, moderate Democrat Anthony Brindisi.

Tenney, a strong advocate of small government, restricted immigration, and lower taxes, is lauded for her fiery brand of conservatism by many Republican New Yorkers. Described by one Republican strategist as "Trump before Trump," she, like Trump, likes use incendiary rhetoric. During a radio interview on Fred Dicker's "Focus on the State Capitol," Tenney, a defiant proponent of the 2nd Amendment, asserted that "so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats."

In fact, Tenney and Brindisi have a great deal of commonality in their stances on gun rights. Brindisi has criticized gun reform efforts in New York, having voted against the NY SAFE Act in 2013. He also sports an "A" rating from the NRA.

Brindisi does stand with fellow Democrats, however, in his strong support of Obamacare. It's one policy that he thinks might push the odds in his favor, after Tenney supported the American Health Care Act (AHCA), a bill that aimed to repeal Obamacare in March of 2017.

The race is receiving national attention because of its importance to the Democratic effort to flip the House of Representatives. It could be pivotal in the Democrats' hunt to close the 43-seat gap between them and the Republicans in the House. Only 24 seats are required to flip the House in their favor, and Republicans will be trying just as hard here in NY-22 as in other tight races around the country.

A totally different fight is emerging in New York's 53rd Senate District, which covers Hamilton College all the way to Syracuse in the west. Incumbent state Senator David Valesky is being challenged from the left by Syracuse University administrator Rachel May. Valesky was one of the three inaugural members of the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC). Since 2011, the IDC has caucused with the Senate Republicans, giving them control of the chamber.

In a comment to *WRVO Public Media*, May said, "They call themselves the Independent Democratic Conference. But they aren't democratic because they prevent democratic priorities from getting enacted and they're hardly independent, because they are hand in glove with Republicans and they depend for their money on downstate developers and the charter school lobby."

Valesky disagrees, and in an interview with Syracuse.com said, "My focus is going to be on making decisions that are in the best interests of Central New Yorkers and the independence that has come from my membership in the IDC has given me a much greater degree of freedom to work with senators on both sides of the aisle."

While both candidates and their viewpoints have similar goals, they are not always aligned. The anti-Trump movement is focused on calling out Trump and his allies, not necessarily pushing a more left-leaning, progressive platform. The progressive movement is focused on getting liberal accomplishments passed. However, some moderate Democrats pose a challenge to these reforms as well, and progressives have no qualms about calling them out for not supporting their goals.

These two movements are converging at Hamilton College, and we have a chance to be part of history. These two races might have implications for the decades to come, both at the state and federal levels.

To find out about voting in New York, visit www.elections.ny.gov. For more information about voting in your home state, visit your state election official's website.

Highlights from the 2017-18 school year

were originally called in reference to 'people throwing trash out a vehicle's windows in the area of Utica Street.'"

There was little follow-up after the incident from college officials, but the event certainly stirred the campus out of a mid-winter fugue. It is not clear whether or not the suspects were ever ultimately identified or apprehended.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team had arguably the best season of any Hamilton athletics program last year, all things considered. Finishing with a 24-5 record (second most wins in program history), they danced into the sectional semifinal of the 2018 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship before ultimately falling to the Springfield College Pride by a score of 92-90 in overtime.

Still, the season was marked by impressive individual and team performances, most notably by Kena Gilmour '20, who led the team in scoring with 18.5 points-per-game (second in the NESCAC) and poured in a career-best 40 points in the team's final game of the season.

The Hamilton Athletics website had this to say about the game: "It was an instant classic. Two talented teams going head-to-head in an extremely well-played game that was to be expected at this late stage in the season. Yes, this 2018 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship sectional semifinal had it all. [...] Unfortunately for fans of the nationally ranked No. 13 Hamilton College Continentals, this one had everything except a win."

BLSU Parkland Rally

In response to the February 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, that killed 17 people and injured 15, BLSU held an all-campus rally in the Fillius Events Barn to speak out on the emotional toll of event.

Jonina Mignon '20, who covered the rally for the March 1, 2018 issue of the *Spec*, wrote, "Nearly 100 members of the student body, faculty, and staff attended BLSU's rally against gun violence, coming together to share their reactions through stories, poetry, and spoken word performances. [...] Students, faculty, and staff alike took to the stage in the Filius Events Barn to talk about their reactions to the Parkland shooting, sharing their stories and feelings with their colleagues and peers. Many expressed sadness and frustration in response to the violence and recalled similarly tragic events."

Town Hall

On April 2, 2018, the College held the first of multiple-scheduled "Town Hall" events in the Chapel with the goal of "discussing salient issues on campus." It was an evening of difficult conversations, open dialogues, and planning for initial steps to address issues of free speech, mental health, sexual assault, and racism as they pertained to Hamilton's community.

Benjamin Katz '20 covered the event for the *Spec*'s April 5, 2018 issue and reported, "Students discussed the issue of mental health on campus. Specifically, students, faculty, and staff discussed their concern about a culture of so-called "stress olympics" at Hamilton, where students compete to see who can handle the most work, and about a lack of appointments at the counseling center. Furthermore, they discussed a lack of institutional guidelines for coordinating exam schedules and the amount of nightly work, as well as the lack of an actual reading period before final exams.."

Common Ground (Spring)

For the year's second "Common Ground" installment, Susan Rice and Condoleezza Rice visited campus (along with moderator Andrea Mitchell, the NBC News Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent). Their conversation mostly centered around United States foreign policy, with Charles Dunst '18 and myself reporting, "The speakers' most profound disagreement came in discussions over the Iran deal. [...] Secretary Rice, while enumerating the deal to be deficient—and the arguing that the U.S. could have done better—admitted that she, unlike President Trump, is in favor of maintaining the deal. Ambassador Rice defended the deal, asserting that it would serve to slow Iran's attempts to become nuclear capable."

The event was well-attended by members of the Hamilton community and Clinton community alike, and wrapped up a successful first year for the Common Ground series.

Norovirus

In the final weeks of the 2017-18 school year, Hamilton's campus was rocked by a norovirus outbreak that affected nearly all areas of campus. The virus was first acknowledged in an April 23 email to the campus from Jeffrey Landry, the Associate Dean of Students for Health and Safety. Normal operations in the dining halls and other high-traffic areas were largely came to a halt and students were instructed to stay in their rooms if they exhibited any symptoms of the virus.

In reporting on the outbreak and the College's response for the April 26, 2018 issue of the *Spec*, I wrote, "Having identified the presence of norovirus, the College immediately notified the community and enacted a mitigation plan. On Wednesday morning, Facilities Management personnel were tasked with cleaning and disinfecting all public and private bathrooms, common spaces, and, in some cases, individual rooms, in every residence hall on campus."

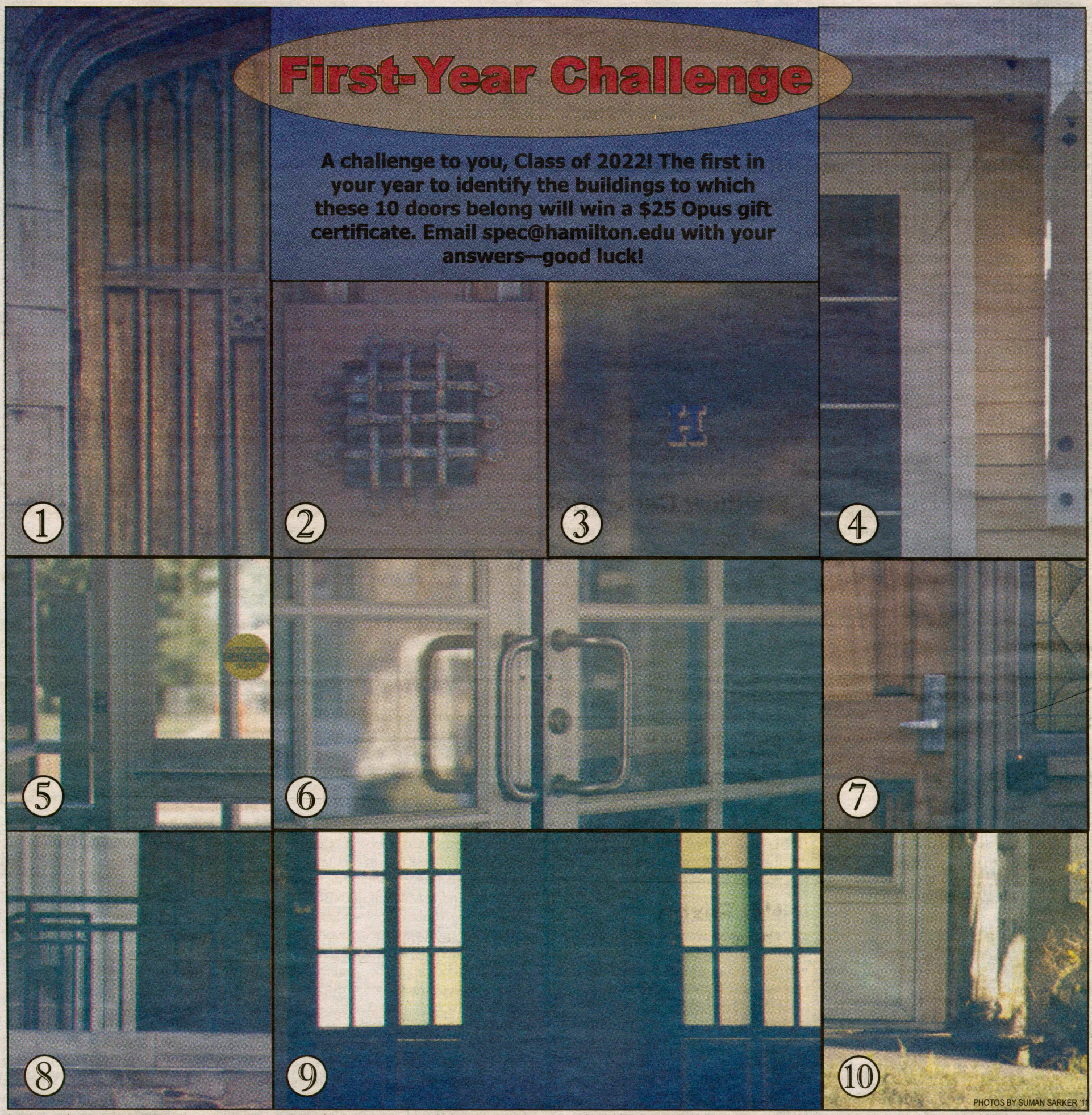
Class & Charter Day

For the annual (and highly anticipated) Class & Charter Day concert, Charli XCX performed with Moxie Raia as her opener and accompanying sets by Hamilton's own Matt Goon and Stink-182. In addition to the concert, the day was marked by the usual all-campus shenanigans and celebrations of the end of the year. It was a beautiful day and a proper ending to an eventful and memorable school year.

To learn more about these stories and others from last year, be sure to check out The Spectator*'s website, spec.hamilton.edu Here's to another great year!*

First-Year Challenge

A challenge to you, Class of 2022! The first in your year to identify the buildings to which these 10 doors belong will win a $25 Opus gift certificate. Email spec@hamilton.edu with your answers—good luck!



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